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TOBACCO CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tobacco consumption in the country has dropped after imposing ban on smoking in public places;

(b) if so, the percentage drop in tobacco consumption; and

(c) the strategies adopted to compensate the loss to the tobacco industry due to such ban?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) The available statistics do not show a fall in consumption of tobacco in the country after imposition of ban on smoking in public places.

(c) Does not arise.